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rhetorical question then, Senator Wickersham. How do we vote on something that we don't know the impact of to the 93 counties that will have...that will have some change in their income?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I believe some persons would suggest that you should do that because the result is fairer regardless, fairer to the persons who pay taxes, regardless of the impact on the taxing subdivisions.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Ladies and gentlemen of the body, fair is what is held in Madison, Nebraska, for Madison County in July of each year, and I invite you there. That's the only fair I know of. I am going to vote against this amendment and this bill because there is no way that we can impact the people that hired us without knowing what that impact is, at least in some general fashion. Now we...we know, from what Senator Wickersham said before, that it's going to be a substantial impact on state aid. We don't know what the impact is on counties. There is no way that I, in conscience, can vote for something where I believe that there is going to be a fairly substantial impact without knowing what that impact is, good or bad, and fair doesn't come to it. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Wickersham, followed by Senators Wehrbein, Chambers, Vrtiska, Bourne, Landis, Bromm, Beutler, and Coordsen. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, members of the body, if Senator Tyson or others want to know what the impact that Senator Coordsen's amendment to the committee amendments might have on counties, on other political subdivisions, NRDs, ESUs that would be affected by a change in the ag land valuation, please bring your questions to the committee staff and we'll attempt to answer them. We may not be able to give you a precise answer. I don't want to suggest that we have a precise answer even about the impact on state aid. What we can suggest to you in general is what we believe the impacts would be, but, like all other work that we do in this kind of a setting, we have to give you what is, in effect, our best estimate of what those impacts would be. So, Senator Tyson, I hope you did not